

Royal High School Preservation Trust

Scotland · Charity number SC045779

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	Company (the charity is registered with Companies House)
Registered	2015-07-07
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

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Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science', 'the provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended'

What the charity does: The old Royal High School, built in 1829 by neoclassical architect Thomas Hamilton, is a Category A listed building in Edinburgh's New Town Conservation Area and World Heritage Site. It symbolises Scotland's commitment to education and architectural excellence. The Royal High School Preservation Trust, founded in 2015, aims to conserve the building, find sustainable uses, and ensure public access. With planning approval in August 2024, restoration led by Richard Murphy Associates and Simpson & Brown will create a cultural hub centered on music. The project includes new gardens designed by Tom Stuart-Smith, offering urban green space with stunning city views. The Trust seeks to engage communities through events and activities while ensuring environmental sustainability. The project is supported by the Dunard Fund, donors, and a volunteer Board, with a focus on developing a long-term sustainable business plan.

Beneficiaries: 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

Objectives: The Charitable Purposes of the Trust ('the Charitable Purposes') are. 3.1.1 the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science, including: i.3.1.1 to conserve the history and heritage of the buildings comprising the former Royal High School, Calton Hill, Edinburgh (which was built originally in 1825 - 1829) (the "Former Royal High School") and to preserve these buildings for appropriate uses commensurate with their history, and both Category A-listed and UNESCO World Heritage status. ii.3.1.2 to develop, oversee,

manage and maintain the buildings comprising the former Royal High School. and iii.3.1.3 to create, arrange, manage and oversee activities and events at and from the buildings comprising the former Royal High School in order to ensure cultural benefit, community benefit and public benefit. and 3.1.2 the provision of recreational facilities by developing, overseeing, managing and maintaining a public garden for recreational use by the public and for its environmental, horticultural and restorative benefits.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** City of Edinburgh
- **Geographical spread:** A specific local point, community or neighbourhood

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£11,739,421	£1,031,754	-	5
2024-03-31	£2,038,516	£264,895	-	1
2023-03-31	£9,228,213	£3,249,680	-	0
2022-03-31	£251,132	£664,479	-	0
2021-03-31	£2,180	£115,777	-	0